

and our thankful recognition. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Mr. Brown's extraordinary service and sacrifice.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRIENDS OF YALE-NEW HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 10, 2009*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the wonderful work done by the Friends of Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital, who are celebrating their 20th anniversary this month.

In 1989, a dear friend of mine, the late Dr. Joseph Warshaw, brought together a diverse group of community volunteers in and around Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital to address issues related to children's health, safety, and well-being. In the two decades since, these dedicated volunteers have continued their important work on behalf of the kids and families of Connecticut, contributing thousands of hours of volunteer time and having raised

over \$1 million for Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital and the Department of Pediatrics at the Yale School of Medicine.

Through telethons, fundraisers, sports tournaments and other community outreach events, the Friends have worked to raise awareness of and financial support for the important pediatric work done by Yale-New Haven. In addition, they have gone to great lengths to support Yale-New Haven's Emergency Department, the only Level 1 Trauma Center for children in Connecticut, and have fashioned a Pediatric Allocation Committee to distribute funds to worthy projects in the hospital.

The Friends have also helped to fund several very worthwhile programs for the broader community, including We're Special Too!, designed for the siblings of children with chronic illness, and Reach Out & Read (ROR), a literacy program which distributes free books to the children who seek treatment at Yale-New Haven. And for many years I have joined the Friends on Christmas morning, as they have distributed gifts to the kids at Yale-New Haven and helped to ensure that even Connecticut's sick and injured children do not miss out on the joys of the day.

For twenty years, in ways both great and small, the Friends have worked to brighten the lives of children and families in New Haven.

On this anniversary, I applaud their efforts and their decades of service, and I look forward to celebrating more anniversaries with them in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF JAMES P. MERCREADY

**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 10, 2009*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mr. James Mercready for his dedicated and tireless service with the East Dover Fire Company in Toms River, NJ.

Mr. Mercready has selflessly and bravely served the people of Toms River throughout his career and is retiring in January after a lifetime of service. After serving as president of the company for the past six years, he has made important improvements to the Fire Company and the safety of the town and its people.

I would like to thank Mr. Mercready for his exemplary service. Thank you for all you have done and I wish you a Happy Retirement.